IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

IN RE: JOHNSON & JOHNSON TALCUM POWDER PRODUCTS MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Civil Action No. 3:16-md-2738-FLW-LHG

MDL No. 2738

IN EXTREMIS DEPOSITION PROTOCOL

THESE MATTERS having come before the Court during the Initial Conference held on Thursday, November 17, 2016, and for good cause shown and the parties consenting to the form, substance and entry of this Order,

IT IS ON THIS 23 DAY of January 2017 ORDERED that the process outlined below will be followed in all cases where the Plaintiffs seek to take an "in extremis" deposition:

- 1. Before any *in extremis* deposition of Plaintiffs may be taken, the following must be provided to defense counsel at least sixty days before the discovery deposition
 - a. A letter from one of Plaintiff's healthcare providers or affidavit from Plaintiff
 outlining the medical circumstances which necessitate an expedited preservation
 deposition;
 - Any available medical records relevant to Plaintiff's cancer treatment not already supplied to Defendants;
 - c. All records supporting the request for a preservation deposition;
 - d. All additional medical records related to Plaintiff's medical history in Plaintiff's possession, custody or control and not already supplied to Defendants;
 - e. All records in Plaintiff's possession, custody, or control relating to damages claims,

including but not limited to claims for lost wages;

f. An executed copy of a substantially completed and responsive Plaintiffs' Fact Sheet

(PFS); and

g. Executed records authorizations and documents required by the PFS.

2. No sooner than sixty days after compliance with paragraph 1 of this Order, the

parties will work to set deposition dates convenient for both sides. It is recognized, however, by

all parties that the medical condition of the Plaintiff may warrant a more expedited schedule. In

those instances, the parties shall agree on a mutually convenient date as soon as possible after such

notice.

3. Defendants are entitled to take a discovery deposition of the Plaintiff before a trial

preservation deposition is taken. The discovery deposition must occur at least 24 hours but no

more than 72 hours prior to the in extremis deposition, which is limited to five (5) hours on the

record without prejudice. The extremis deposition shall be limited to five (5) hours on the record

without prejudice, unless the Plaintiff cannot physically proceed, with the time for direct and cross

examination to be split by the parties 50/50.

4. In the event there is a case in which it is not feasible for Plaintiffs' counsel to meet

the conditions set forth in paragraph 1 sixty days prior to the taking of an in extremis deposition,

Plaintiffs' counsel shall consult with Defendants and, if necessary, the Court, prior to proceeding

with the deposition.

Hon. Freda L. Wolfson, U.S.D.J.

2